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### INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

APPLICANT: Katrin Reisinger CONFIRMATION NO. 3984  
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INTO A MAIL-PROCESSING DEVICE"

#### **MAIL STOP AMENDMENT**

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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant requests that citation and examination of the following documents be made during the course of examination of the above-referenced application.

- AA United States Patent No. 6,594,648
- AB United States Patent No. 5,724,245
- AL European Application 1 037 171

#### EXPLANATION OF RELEVANCE

The European counterpart (in German) to Reference AA, together with References AB and AL, were cited in a Search Report dated August 28, 2006 from the European Patent Office in connection with the counterpart European application.

A copy of Reference AL is submitted herewith, together with Form 1449 on which all of the references are listed.

A translation of Reference AL is attached thereto.

As of the date of mailing of this Information Disclosure Statement, a first Office Action on the merits has not been received in connection with this application. This Information Disclosure Statement is therefore in compliance with 37 C.F.R.

§1.97(b)(3), and no fee is necessary. Should this Information Disclosure Statement cross in the mail with a first Office Action, it is still in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(c), and no fee is necessary. Accordingly, the undersigned counsel states, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e)(1), that each of the above items was first cited in a communication from a foreign Patent Office in connection with a counterpart application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

Early consideration of the application is therefore respectfully requested.

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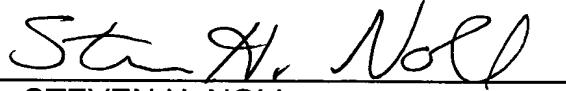
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